

Renton Library Advisory Board



Meeting Minutes City Hall, Council Conference Room June 19, 2013 ~ 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynne King called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

In Attendance

Members: Lynne King, Catherine Ploue-Smith, Erica Richey, Suzi Ure
City Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Diane Wagner
KCLS Staff: Judith Zelter
Guest: Bekka Martin, KCLS Children's Librarian; Rocale Timmons, City of Renton Senior Planner; Pattie Holt, REACH Center of Hope

Absent

Members: Laurie Beden
City Staff: Peter Renner

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Suzi Ure, seconded by Erica Richey, to approve the agenda with one amendment. The amendment presented was to switch the order of Item Six / City Report and Item Seven / KCLS Report. All were in favor, motion carried, amended agenda approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Suzi Ure made a motion, seconded by Erica Richey, to approve the April 10, 2013 meeting minutes. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VI. KCLS REPORT/JUDITH ZELTER

Judith introduced Bekka Martin, Children's Librarian. Bekka said she started in Renton in January of 2013 and comes from the Des Moines/Kent area. Bekka stated that the summer reading program/Dig into Reading began June 1. By tracking their minutes, children are eligible for halfway prizes and finishing prizes. Programs are set up by age groups such as newborn to five years of age and five to twelve years of age. There are ½ way prizes for those elementary students who finish 500 minutes of reading. When students have read 1,000 minutes, they can go to the library to collect their finishing prizes. All preschool finishers will be entered into a drawing for a set of five passes to the Woodland Park Zoo and family

Membership to Kids Quest Museum or a stack of books. All elementary finishers will entered into a drawing for a Sony Reader. One reader will be given away at each Library.

Bekka passed out a flyer for Summer Reading Program which lists story times and events at the Cedar River Library. Bekka also said the Library2Go vehicle will be at schools and neighborhood picnics along with other summer activities

Judith introduced herself the group and talked about her personal Library history, likes, passions, etc. She discussed different event such as the recent Place at the Table. In honor of television series Downtown Abby they recently had someone dressed clothing who discussed setting a proper table. She said 23 library patrons attended. There will be another Place at the Table presentation titled "Building Your Urban Pantry–Canning 101".

Judith provided a copy of the Briefing Paper, "Libraries, Publishers, and Public Access to E-Books. E-books have become very popular but until recently, major publishers have refused to sell or license e-books to public libraries. Judith talked about the campaign to make Congress aware that maintaining equal access to materials needs to be safeguarded and monitored.

Judith said they participated in the Farmer's Market the first opening week and had 250 patrons stop by the booth. She also said the Library ho9sted a naturalization ceremony where they had 27 participants from 16 to 17 different countries. And, Judith said they will have a presence at the summer lunch program with ten sites set up so far.

VII. CITY REPORT/ Terry Higashiyama

Terry introduced Rocale Timmons, City of Renton Senior Planner. Rocale has been with the City for six years and just finished her Masters' degree. Rocale explained that should would be working on the Highlands Library and Vanesse Dolbee, City of Renton Senior Planner, will be working on the Liberty Park Library permitting.

Rocale passed out a copy of a power-point presentation prepared for the Library Permitting Sequencing. Rocale discussed the properties, site plans, elevation schematics, environmental review process, street vacations, mitigation, lot-line permit, appeal process, land use, and review, shoreline plans and concerns, hearing examiner/public hearing, permitting needs, schedule, and sequencing for both libraries and answered questions from the group. Terry mentioned the Sunset Area Planned Action received the 2013 Governor's Smart Communities Award for Outstanding Achievement in Creating Livable and Vibrant Communities award.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Terry talked about the South King County Health Initiative. This is a collaboration with the City of Renton, Valley Medical, Highline Hospital, and many of the South King County cities with the goal of providing better eating and exercise options. A forum is scheduled at the Renton Community Center in September, 2013. More details coming soon.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Discussions continued about the Retreat and the Library Card Campaign and the plans to distribute Library Card applications throughout the community.

Lynne introduced Pattie Holt from the REACH Center of Hope. Pattie is the Center of Hope Librarian. She developed the Library in the Center of Hope and provides patrons with many of the Reading opportunities in the Center. She works with families on making available books based on age and need and provides book packages for all ages.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XI. INFORMATION

Terry briefly mentioned upcoming events such as the 4th of July celebration, Renton River Days, Neighborhood picnics, etc.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Suzi Ure, second by Erica Richey, to adjourn the June meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS



JULY MEETING

Wednesday, July 17, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7th Floor

Telephone 425.430.6574



AUGUST MEETING

Wednesday, August 21, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7th Floor

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